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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached form PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

The listed documents were of record in Application No. 09/951,381, filed September 14, 2001, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. As such, a copy of each listed document should be in the Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") file for Application No. 09/951,381. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form PTO 1449.

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Applicant also refers the Examiner to the International Search Report and the International Examination Report for International Application No. PCT/AU00/00185, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. §120. Copies of these documents should be in the PTO file for Application No. 09/951,381.

With respect to DE 860,589, Applicant notes that this document was cited by the Examiner in Application No. 09/951,381.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the PTO the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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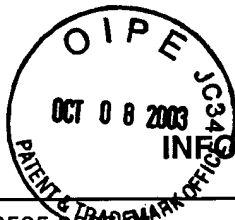
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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